



OUR LADY OF
Lourdes
 CATHOLIC PARISH



4TH SUNDAY
 OF ADVENT

“Behold, you will conceive
 in your womb and bear
 a son, and you shall
 name him Jesus.”
 - Lk 1:31

PASTOR
 Rev. Paul E. Sumler

DECEMBER 20, 2020

PERMANENT DEACON
 Rev. Mr. Stephen Sellers

OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH INFORMATION

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HOLY MATRIMONY Diocesan policy requires that an appointment be made with a priest of your parish at least SIX MONTHS in advance. DO NOT set a final date for the wedding prior to your interviews with the priest.

CONFESSIONS by appointment (call parish office)

PARISH MEMBERSHIP Parishioners entering or leaving the Parish contact the Parish Business Office during office hours.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN TAKING INSTRUCTIONS IN THE CATHOLIC FAITH? Contact Parish Business Office or Deacon Sellers—deaconss@sbcglobal.net



Mass INTENTIONS

Father Paul will celebrate Mass privately in the Chapel Without Congregation Monday—Friday.

Sunday, December 20

10:00 am †Lynn Mayea

11:30 am †Father Fernandez

Monday, December 21

9:00 am †Dotty Mayea

Tuesday, December 22

9:00 am †Mary Maines

Wednesday, December 23

9:00 am †Donald Olivier

Thursday, December 24

2:00 pm Children of our Parish (Special Intention)

4:00 pm People of our Parish (Special Intention)

Friday, December 25

10:00 am Holy Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 26

5:00 pm †Mary Rose Modica Bayard

†Cary Hester

†Pat Theriot

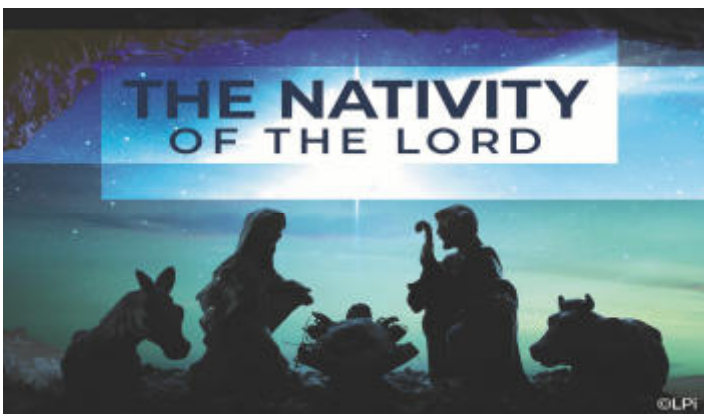
Sunday, December 27

10:00 am †Merle Barnhill

11:30 am †Linda Kennedy

TRADITIONAL LATIN MASS

The Traditional Latin Mass has resumed at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish 11:30 a.m. in the Church.



CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

There will be two (2) Christmas Vigil Masses in Church Thursday, December 24th 2:00 p.m. & 4:00 p.m.

There will **not** be a Midnight Mass. There will be a Latin Mass in Church Friday, December 25th at 10:00 a.m.



STEWARDSHIP



Your regular financial contributions is very much appreciated. Our parish is grateful for your continued support at this time. Thank you!

When not attending Mass, you can drop your collection in the mail to **Our Lady of Lourdes Catholic Church, 1600 North Main Street, Vidor, Texas 77662** Please note: **In order to protect the church and to insure integrity and positive stewardship, procedures are in place handling the sacrificial offering. The collection is placed in bank depository; therefore, there is no money on church premise.** Thank you and may God bless you and keep you safe. *Our giving reflects a true measure of thankfulness and gratitude to God.*

DECEMBER 13TH COLLECTION AMOUNT WILL BE IN NEXT WEEKEND'S BULLETIN.



HELP BEAUTIFY CHURCH

Every year our parish is beautifully decorated for the Birth of Jesus with Christmas Flowers. This tradition made possible through the generous donations of our parishioners. A sanctuary made radiant with flowers is a beautiful way to honor or remember our loved ones. Christmas flower envelopes will be available at the entrance of the church. **This will be the last weekend.** Please legibly write the names of loved ones on the envelope along with your donation. These names will be listed on a Christmas flower list. Thank you.



NEW YEAR'S EVE DECEMBER 31, 2020

Vigil Mass

Mary The Holy Mother of God

Mass time in Church 4:00 p.m.

NEW YEAR'S DAY JANUARY 1, 2021

Latin Mass

*The Octave of the
Nativity of the Lord*

Mass time in Church 10:00 a.m.



SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE

Congratulations and God's Blessings

Taylor James Landry and Victoria D'Ann Parks

married at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish December 5, 2020.

2020-21 SUNDAY MISSALETTES

Due to the continue of the pandemic, there will be no Sunday Missals in the church this year and we are not able to order them individually because the Missals are ordered in bulk; however, **there are several resource booklets for you to personally subscribe in order to follow along at the Daily and Weekend Masses. Here are a couple. Check them out.**

The Word Among Us (www.wau.org)

Give Us This Day (www.GiveUsThisDay.org)

Magnificat (us.magnificat.net)



WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN APOSTLES AND DISCIPLES?

When we look at the gospel accounts of the life of Jesus, we see two special titles applied to his followers: *apostles* and *disciples*. At first glance, we might think that these two words are interchangeable, but when we look at what each one means, we quickly see that the evangelists were using them very specifically. When we look more closely, we see that while Jesus had many *disciples*, the group of *apostles* was much more limited and referred to Jesus' closest collaborators.

The word *apostle* essentially means "one who is sent forth" or, as we might think of it today, "an ambassador." The group of apostles — sometimes called the Twelve — included those twelve men who formed Jesus' inner circle (see Mark 3:13-14; Luke 6:12-13). It was this group that received the gift of the Holy Spirit and who were sent out by Jesus with the special mission of forgiving sins on that first Easter Sunday (see John 20:19-23). In time, the Catholic Tradition also recognize Saint Paul



WEEKLY PRAYER

READINGS FOR THE WEEK OF DECEMBER 20, 2020

SUN 12/20	2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [2a]/Rom 16:25-27/Lk 1:26-38
MON 12/21	Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45
TUE 12/22	1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd]/Lk 1:46-56
WED 12/23	Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66
THR 12/24	Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79
FRI 12/25	Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25. Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14. Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20. Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or Jn 1:1-5, 9-14
SAT 12/26	Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59/Ps 31:3cd-4, 6 and 8ab, 16bc and 17 [6]/Mt 10:17-22
SUN 12/27	Sir 3:2-6, 12-14 or Gn 15:1-6; 21:1-3/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1] or Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [7a, 8a]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17 or Heb 11:8, 11-12, 17-19/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22, 39-40

and Saint Barnabas as apostles, recognizing that they also shared the mandate of going out in the Lord's name to pray, to bless, and to preach. In 2016, during the Jubilee of Mercy, Pope Francis raised the liturgical celebration of Saint Mary Magdalene to the rank of feast, recognizing that she also received a special mandate to proclaim the good news of Jesus' resurrection to the Eleven, becoming the "apostle to the apostles." In a particular way, the bishops continue the mission of the apostles in our own time.

When we think of the word *disciple*, we see that it has a very different meaning. Rather than referring to those who were sent out to carry on the mission of Jesus, disciple literally means "student" or, more specially, an "apprentice learner." The task of the disciple is to learn and integrate into their lives the teachings, values, and way of life of their master teacher. Although a disciple might be called on to explain or represent aspects of their life, in light of the teachings they receive from this master teacher, Christian discipleship is ultimately about living our lives with faith and integrity, guided by the life and mission of Jesus, our Master Teacher. The call to discipleship is the common vocation of all Christians.

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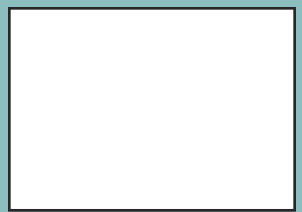
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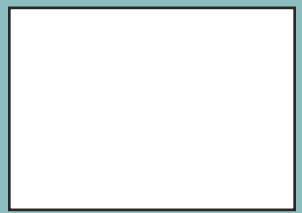
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